

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-33 and 51 and allowed claim 34. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that this claim is allowable. By this Response, Applicant amends claims 1, 16, 27, 31 and 51, cancels claims 35-50 and adds new claims 52-63. Currently, claims 1-34 and 51-63 remain pending in the present application.

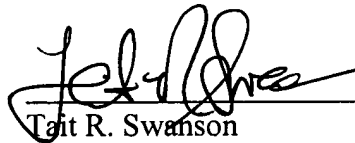
Applicant respectfully asserts that the present application is in condition for allowance. The newly added claims 52-63 depend from allowed claim 34, and the amendments to independent claims 1, 16, 27, 31, and 51 recite the features of claim 34 that the Examiner indicated are missing from the cited references. Specifically, the Examiner stated “Knox’s device ... does not contain the control circuitry to monitor *each* motor/machine individually, and this feature is not anticipated or rendered obvious by the prior art of record.” Office Action, page 10 (*italics in original*). While Applicant respectfully stresses that the present claims are allowable for a variety of reasons, including the reason stated by the Examiner, Applicant has amended the present claims to include the “control circuitry selected for a desired machine” recited by claim 34 to expedite issuance of the present application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims should be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner believes certain amendments are necessary to clarify the present claims or if the Examiner wishes to resolve any other issues by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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